

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

K.B. and M.B., by their mother,
Next Friend, and guardian T.B.,
P.S., by his guardians, M.S., G.P.,
by her parent and Next Friend A.P.,
D.P., by his guardian, T.P., G.G., by
his mother and Next Friend M.G.,
J.W., by his guardian S.P.,

No. 18-cv-11795-TLL-PTM

HON. THOMAS L. LUDINGTON

MAG. PATRICIA T. MORRIS

Plaintiffs,

v

**STIPULATION TO EXTEND
AND AMEND INTERIM
AGREEMENT**

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES;
ROBERT GORDON, Director of
Michigan Department of Health and
Human Services in his official
capacity; and GRETCHEN
WHITMER, Governor of Michigan in
her official capacity; jointly and
severally,

Defendants.

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**STIPULATION TO EXTEND AND AMEND
INTERIM AGREEMENT**

The parties, through their counsel, stipulate and agree:

1. On August 4, 2020, the parties entered into an Interim Agreement, which required continued settlement negotiations, development of an implementation plan by the Michigan Department of Health and Humans Services (MDHHS), and filing of a final settlement agreement. (ECF No. 50)
2. Since that date, the parties have continued to actively engage in settlement negotiations. While the parties have made significant progress toward settlement, additional time is needed to draft a final settlement agreement.
3. As such, the parties stipulate to extend the Interim Agreement to February 1, 2022, at which time the parties intend to have a final agreement to submit to the Court.
4. The Interim Agreement calls for the cessation of litigation activities in this case. *Id.*
5. The Interim Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties and approval of the Court. Such amendments must be

in writing, signed by persons authorized to bind each party, and approved by the Court. *Id.*

6. The parties hereby agree to allow the following limited litigation activities to recommence starting December 1, 2021:

- a. The parties may stipulate to an order allowing Plaintiffs to file an Amended Complaint. Absent a stipulation, Plaintiffs may file for leave to Amend their Complaint, adding new class representatives.
- b. The parties may stipulate to an order granting class certification. Absent a stipulation, Plaintiffs may file a motion for class certification during the extension period outlined in this Stipulation.

7. Formal Discovery continues to be stayed during the extension period outlined in this Stipulation.

8. On August 11, 2020, upon agreement of the parties, the Court entered an Order allowing for Plaintiffs to move for class certification if settlement negotiations were unsuccessful. (ECF No. 51). Although the parties are agreeing that Plaintiffs may file

a motion for class certification, the parties are still actively engaging in settlement activities.

9. This Stipulation to Extend and Amend Interim Agreement shall constitute an Amendment to the Interim Agreement reached on August 4, 2020 once signed by this Honorable Court.

Stipulated to by:

/s/ Kyle M. Williams (with permission) /s/ Stephanie M. Service
Kyle M. Williams (P77227) Stephanie M. Service (P73305)
Attorney for Plaintiffs Attorney for Defendants

Dated: November 19, 2021

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**ORDER EXTENDING AND AMENDING THE INTERIM
AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to the Stipulation to Extend and Amend the Interim Agreement of the parties, the Interim Agreement is extended to February 1, 2022 and the limited litigation activities will recommence according to the terms of the parties' Stipulation to Extend and Amend the Interim Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 23, 2021

s/Thomas L. Ludington
THOMAS L. LUDINGTON
United States District Judge